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Winnipeg's Bannock Lady, Althea Guiboche, and a team of volunteers handed out bannock, meals and clothing to the homeless outside Neechi Commons Thursday to celebrate the Spring Equinox. But the weather gods missed the memo — expect colder than normal temperatures the next few days. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Supreme Court will decide if convicted killer gets new trial

Mark Grant. Family of slain Manitoba teen Candace Derksen happy that province will get the chance to appeal

Canada's highest court will hear arguments over a new trial that was ordered for a man convicted of killing a Manitoba teenager 30 years ago.

In October, the Manitoba Court of Appeal ordered the trial for Mark Grant in the 1984 death of Candace Derksen. The court said the original judge didn't consider some evidence that could cast doubt on Grant's guilt.

The Supreme Court of Canada has now granted Manitoba prosecutors leave to appeal that

"Guess What? My prediction was correct," Cliff Derksen, the teen's father, wrote on Twitter

"Guess What? My prediction was correct. Our case is going to the Supreme Court! Wow."

Tweet by Cliff Derksen, father of Candace Derksen, who was killed 30 years ago

shortly after the ruling was released Thursday. "Our case is going to the Supreme Court! Wow.'

Derksen was 13 when she disappeared on her way home from school. Her body was found six weeks later, bound and frozen, in a storage shed not far from her Winnipeg home. Grant wasn't charged until 2007 after numerous tests on a piece of twine used to bind

Grant was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced in 2011 to life with no parole eligibility for at least 25

His lawyer appealed the conviction. He argued the trial judge was wrong to deny him the right to present evidence that Derksen might have been killed by someone else. Another girl had been abducted in a similar fashion nine months after Derksen's death when Grant was in custody.

"It seems to me that this evidence, which I view as very relevant, could provide the basis upon which a reasonable, properly instructed jury could acquit," Justice Michel Monnin wrote on behalf of the threemember Appeal Court panel

The Supreme Court hearing is an opportunity to explore issues around DNA, said the victim's mother, Wilma Derksen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Downtown Winnipeg overrun with pianos for Juno Week

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Project aims to connect 'Peggers to art



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The sound of beautiful music is taking over downtown Winnipeg. Well, that and the sound of people trying to make beautiful music — it'll depend on who's tickling the keys on seven colourfully-painted pianos rolled out across the city's centre by the Downtown BIZ Thursday for Juno Week.

"They are for everyone, even if you don't know how to play piano," explained BIZ executive director Stefano

MusiCounts

One of the painted pianos will be left at the airport for musicians arriving for the Junos to sign before being auctioned off on eBay starting March 25 to raise money for charity MusiCounts.

Grande of the idea, called Play Your Part, that saw seven young artists from Graffiti Art Programming paint the pianos. "We want the public to come downtown, enjoy the arts, celebrate our youth, and hammer out some tunes."

The pianos are spread out at both inside and outdoor locations including at MTS Centre, in front of Portage Place Shopping Centre and at Old Market Square.

While they're intended to mark Juno Week March 24-30, Grande said the pianos will also make appearances at different cultural institutions and festivals throughout the year, and crews will regularly be out to keep them tuned up and looking good.

"We know they're going to get nicked — some of them might even be bruised — but that's OK; we want the community to engage art through these pianos," he said.

Musicians and aspiring musicians alike can upload photos of their interactions with the pianos to social media under the hashtag #playyourpart for the chance to win music-related prizes.



Local multimedia artist Dany Reede stands at the piano he painted as part of Downtown Winnipeg BIZ's Play Your Part project, which sees seven decorated pianos left at spots around the downtown for people to play during Juno Week, March 24-30. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Winnipeg's 'winter despair' gets comedy relief

A comedy night filled with warm chuckles is being organized to combat Winnipeg's ever-growing winter blues.

Tara Brousseau Snider, executive director of the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba, said their anecdotal evidence shows Winnipeggers are getting more irritable and "they are feeling very much that they're closed in."

"When (winter) drags on like this, people who are prone to depression or prone to anxiety, this kind of a winter will start to trigger that and they'll start losing hope," she said, adding her centre is getting more calls from people finding it hard simply to get out of bed and go to work.

To combat the blues, the association has planned a Stand Up to Stigma comedy night on Saturday featuring comedians This Week Thus Far, musician Scott Nolan and a special guest appearance by Al Rae

"We just have seen so

many people with the winter blues, we decided that it's also great to laugh and this is probably the best time of the winter right now, where we need to start having fun and laugh," she said, adding This Week Thus Far is a group of young comedians who'll be donating their time.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Stand Up to Stigma

The Stand Up to Stigma comedy night takes place 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www. eventbrite.ca.



The JUNO Awards are next week and Winnipeg, already an oasis of music and culture, will ramp things up even more. Here are five reasons why you should be pumped about this annual celebration of Canadian music.

ELISHA DACEY



Play a painted piano

Yeah, it's cold outside, but you can warm yourself with some great tunes — even if it's just Chopsticks. The Downtown Winnipeg BIZ has placed seven painted pianos around downtown. I can't play, but I can sing. Any pianists out there wanna duet? #playyourpart

Reasons you should be excited about the Junos

Justin Bieber will not be there And neither will Nickelback.

Celebs everywhere

Winnipeg is a sucker for celebrities, because they don't come here all that often. You may or may not be a fan, but if Arcade Fire came up to you and said hello, would you not happen to tweet out a selfie with the band?



It's not just music, it's science

The Manitoba Museum's Science Gallery will have a bunch of activities for the JUNOs including a straw oboe. I want to do that. Grab the kids and go!





The JUNO Cup

Hockey and music combined? Yeah, there's nothing more Winnipeg than that. The JUNO cup pits NHL greats and music celebs in a charity game. It happens next Friday at the MTS Iceplex, so get your tickets.



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Gunfire

Police make arrest in home invasion attempt

Police have made an arrest in a months-old investigation into an attempted home invasion that ended in gunfire in the Centennial neighbourhood last summer. Lewis Jordan Starr, 30, of Winnipeg was arrested Wednesday. METRO

Vodka boycott?

Russian booze ban pondered

The Manitoba government appears open to the possibility of banning Russian booze in government-run liquor stores.

The idea was raised in the legislature by the Opposition Progressive Conservatives, who say it would be one way to protest the crisis in Crimea.

The minister responsible for the gaming control act, Dave Chomiak, called the suggestion "valid."

Any booze ban might be hard to notice, how-

The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation lists only three products from Russia in its online catalogue — two vodkas and one beer.

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Homes without water

City opens third frozen pipe resource centre

The city is continuing efforts to bring relief to homeowners affected by frozen pipes with the opening of a third Frozen Pipe Citizen Resource Centre. Around 1,300 households in Winnipeg are currently without water. METRO

Renovated Ma Mawi Centre unveiled

Dignity, class. Building to provide support services for aboriginals

The sounds of vehicles' engines and telephones ringing have been replaced with traditional singing at the newly renovated and expanded Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre.

The centre, which used to be the Autopac collision claim centre at King Street and Jarvis Avenue, was officially opened on Thursday.

Mayor Sam Katz said the additional 8,828-square-feet of space will allow the centre to provide more support services to aboriginal children, youth, individuals and families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

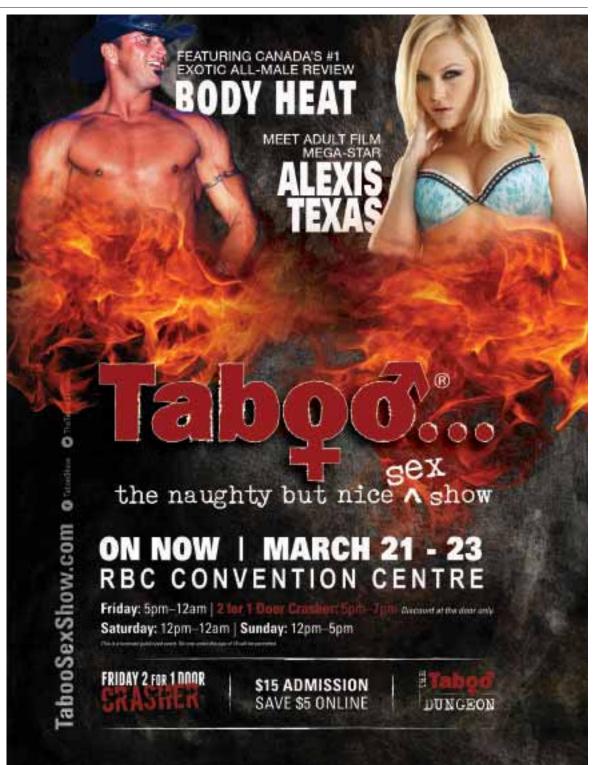
"With over 200 volunteers and staff, they provide so many programs that basically do what some of us could never do on our own," said Katz

"And they do it with dignity and they do it with class, and most importantly, they make sure that they're always focusing on embracing their culture and their heritage."

Sonja Eaglestick, who along with her 11-month-old daughter helped cut the ribbon, said Ma Mawi has been there for her since she was seven years old and those who work there are "like my family"

The centre received \$1,492,773 for renovations though the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, which is funded by the City of Winnipeg and the federal government. Bernice Pontanilla/Metro







Fort Bragg, N.C. Sinclair docked pay and reprimanded; sexual assault charges dropped in plea deal

A U.S. Army general who had a three-year affair with a captain and had two other inappropriate relationships with subordinates was reprimanded and docked \$20,000 in pay Thursday, avoiding jail time in one of the military's most closely watched trials.

Legal experts, a women's



group and members of Congress condemned the sentence as shockingly light.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair was believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. military officer ever court-martialed on sexual assault charges, but earlier this week those charges were dropped when he pleaded guilty to inappropriate relationships.

Sinclair, 51, smiled and hugged his two lawyers in the courtroom.

"The system worked. I've always been proud of my army," he said afterward.

Rear Adm. Jamie Barnett, a lawyer who represented the captain, said she was disappointed with the sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Protesting cost-cutting reforms in Greece

A protester stands in front of riot police securing the private office of Greek Public Administration Reform Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in central Athens, on Thursday. Scores of striking schoolteachers and other civil servants occupied Mitsotakis's office to protest planned public sector layoffs, under cost-cutting reforms demanded by the country's bailout creditors. THANNASIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

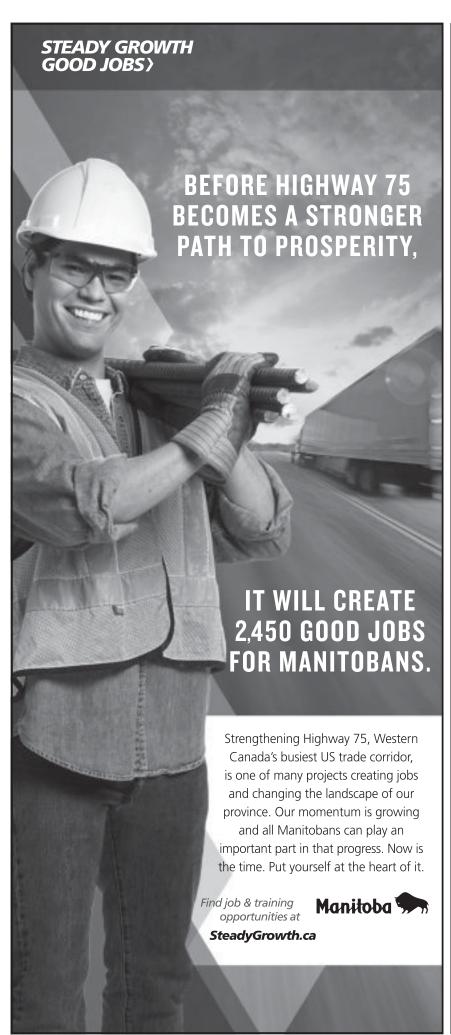
Doctor charged for role in Rwandan genocide

French judicial officials have filed preliminary charges related to Rwanda's genocide against a doctor who has lived and practiced in France for years.

Charles Twagira faces preliminary charges of crimes against humanity and genocide, and complicity in each, over his alleged role in the wave of killings in Rwanda in 1994 that left at least 500,000 dead — mostly ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

A spokeswoman for the

Paris prosecutor's office said the charges Thursday follow a long investigation into allegations that Twagira had a hand in killings in the Rwandan town of Kibuye. He resides in Normandy and has French nationality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Pistorius to sell mansion to pay lawyers

South Africa. The Paralympic champion needs cash for the longer-than-expected murder trial; he pleaded not guilty

Oscar Pistorius is selling the house where Reeva Steen-

kamp died to raise money for his legal bills, the athlete's lawyer said Thursday.

Pistorius has not returned to the upscale Pretoria villa since the day his girlfriend was shot in a bathroom over a year ago and "cannot contemplate ever returning to live there again," lawyer Brian Webber said.

Pistorius, 27, had

"Due to the delay in finalizing the trial, the decision to urgently dispose of his single biggest asset has had to

Pistorius family lawyer Brian Webber

be made."

planned to keep his home

"sealed" until after his ongoing murder trial, Webber said, but it is now necessary to sell it to fund his defence because the double amputee's trial will last longer than the initial three-week period that was predicted. Pistorius valued the house at \$456,000 at his bail hearing last year. He has not been back there since.



India

Court convicts five in gang rapes

An Indian court convicted five men Thursday for raping a photojournalist and a call-centre operator last summer inside an abandoned textile mill in the financial hub of Mumbai. The cases renewed calls to wipe out the scourge of sexual violence in India. The rapes happened about a month apart in the same mill. Three men were convicted in both cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Books vandalized

Japan's PM to express regret

Prime Minister Shinzo
Abe will visit the Anne
Frank House in Amsterdam this weekend to
express regret over the
recent vandalism at Tokyo
libraries of hundreds
of books related to the
young Holocaust victim.
Abe will visit the museum
Sunday, before he attends
a nuclear security summit
in the Hague. A man has
been arrested in the case.
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America's First Lady in China

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport on Thursday. Mrs. Obama arrived in China with her mother, Marian Robinson, and her daughters, to kick off a six-day tour where she will focus on education and cultural exchange.

ALEXANDER F. YUAN, POOL/GETTY IMAGES



Alberta's deputy premier tagged to take over for Alison Redford

Business as usual.

Dave Hancock, who's been in government for 17 years, says government will carry on and be effective

Dave Hancock, who once dreamed of being the leader of Alberta, got the job Thursday in a way he never imagined.

Hancock, Premier Alison Redford's second-in-command, was chosen by the governing Progressive Conservative caucus to replace her when she steps down on Sunday and her party begins the search for a permanent replacement.

Hancock, deputy premier and member of the legislature, has been in government for 17 years and is the longestserving minister in cabinet.

He lost the PC leadership race to Ed Stelmach in 2006 and said Thursday he won't run again because the Tories need a fresh face.

"If we're going to show the party as moving forward, I'm probably not the guy who epitomizes that," he said.

The PC party executive is to meet Monday to set out the timeline for the leadership race, which can run anywhere from four to six months.

Redford did not attend the hour-long morning meeting to choose Hancock, but arrived at the end with her 12-year-old daughter, Sarah, in tow. She did not speak to reporters.

Redford quit Wednesday night, saying the infighting had become an intolerable distraction to the business of the province.

Hancock said the business of government will carry on and will be effective.

"We're all professionals. We all know our jobs. We all know what the people of Alberta elected us to do. We come to work every day."

When asked if he expects difficult times ahead, Hancock replied: "In this business, every day is a difficult day."

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Alberta Premier Alison Redford arrives at the Alberta legislature with her daughter Sarah in Edmonton on Thursday, the day after she announced her resignation. Jason Franson/The Canadian Press

The mandate doesn't change'



Hancock said he will neither be changing Redford's policies nor the direction of government.

That's the prerogative of the incoming permanent leader, he suggested.

- "The mandate doesn't change," he said. "It's the mandate of government. It's the mandate under which our MLAs were elected and that is what we will continue to do."
- Hancock had been Redford's most vocal supporter in recent weeks as mounting revelations of lavish spending and caucus turmoil swamped her ability to govern.

Portland Hotel Society

Audit uncovers lavish spending by B.C. non-profit

The non-profit that looks after some of Canada's poorest citizens blew thousands of dollars on hotels, limousines — even a trip to a Disney resort. Separate financial reviews examining

expenses by the Portland Hotel Society — which runs Canada's only safe-injection site — revealed misuse of corporate credit cards and unsupported expenses.

A B.C. government review and external financial audit reveal what the province says are significant concerns over the practices of the society that operates numerous programs in Vancouver. The Camadian Press

'No due or fair process'

Trudeau slammed over blocking of Liberal candidate

Justin Trudeau's decision to block a candidate who wanted to run for the Liberals in the Trinity-Spadina byelection has been condemned by the riding's Liberal executive members. They say the move to block Christine Innes was undemocratic and amounted to the leader breaking his promise of open nomination meetings in all ridings.

"There was absolutely no due or fair process ... and there was absolutely zero local involvement," riding president Julia Metus said in a statement Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

20 years later

All apologies, but nothing's changed in Cobain case

With the 20th anniversary of Kurt Cobain's death approaching, Seattle police re-examined the case files in connection with the Nirvana front man's suicide.

Police spokeswoman

Renee Witt said Thursday the review found nothing new, but several rolls of undeveloped film were found.

Police took another look at the case to be ready for next month's anniversary, she said. "There's still a lot of interest in this case. The detective went into the case files to refresh himself. The outcome of the case has not changed."

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That doggy in the window? It's \$2M

Some dog millionaire.

Tibetan mastiff breed a status symbol for China's super rich

A Chinese dog breeder said Thursday that a property developer paid him 18 million yuan (\$3 million) for Tibetan mastiff twins, highlighting how the breed has become a status symbol for China's rich.

The large, slobbery dog with massive amounts of hair used to be best known for herding sheep in Tibet, but has now become a luxury for the ultra-rich who want to spread their wealth beyond stocks and real estate.

Breeder Zhang Gengyun said he sold the one-year-old twin male dogs to a single buyer at a luxury dog fair Tuesday in wealthy Zhejiang province,



located on China's east coast. One of the twins, a goldenhaired Tibetan mastiff, was sold for 12 million yuan, and

his red-haired brother went

for 6 million yuan.

Zhang said the buyer paid him the 18 million yuan with his credit card. He denied the sale was a ploy by breeders to

hype the price of Tibetan mastiffs and said he was reluctant to sell the twins. "It's a real deal," he said.

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Central African Republic. Turmoil at 'terrifying level,' UN official says

The UN's top human rights of-ficial warned Thursday that the hatred between Christian and Muslim communities in Central African Republic is "at a terrifying level" and a state of near-anarchy means even those carrying bloody machetes and holding severed body parts in their hands are not arrested.

Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, described the situation as "almost total impunity" with "no justice, no law and order apart from that provided by foreign troops." Some 6,000 African peacekeepers and 2,000 French troops are working to stabilize the country, though they have a limited presence outside the capital of Bangui.

"I cannot help thinking that if the Central African Republic were not a poor country hidden away in the heart of Africa, the terrible events that have taken place — and continue to take place — would have stimulated a far stronger and more dynamic reaction by the outside world," Pillay said at a news



conference in Bangui wrapping up her three-day visit.

"How many more children have to be decapitated, how many more women and girls will be raped, how many more acts of cannibalism must there be, before we really sit up and pay attention?"

Central African Republic descended into chaos one year ago when an alliance of mostly Muslim rebel groups in the country's north overthrew Francois Bozize, the president of a decade.

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Floating objects 'best lead' in search for plane

Satellite imagery.

Possible debris spotted 2,500 kilometres southwest of Australia

An air search in the southern Indian Ocean for possible objects from the missing Malaysia Airlines plane that has been described as the "best lead" has turned up no clues so far, Australian rescue officials said.

The four planes were checking to see if two large objects spotted in satellite imagery bobbing in the remote ocean were debris from Flight 370 that disappeared March 8 with 239 people on board.

One of the objects was 24 metres in length and the other was 5 metres.

"This is a lead, it's probably the best lead we have right now," said John Young, manager of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's emergency response division. He cautioned that the objects could be seaborne debris along a shipping route where containers can fall off cargo vessels, although the larger object is longer than a container.

The area is about halfway between Australia and islands off the Antarctic. Authorities said in a statement early Friday that efforts were resuming with four military aircraft planning to scour more than 35,000 square kilometres of ocean.



News that possible plane parts had been found marked a new phase in the emotional roller coaster for distraught relatives of the passengers, who have criticized Malaysia harshly for not releasing timely information about the plane. While they still hope their loved ones will somehow be found, they acknowledged that news of the debris could mean the plane plunged into the ocean.

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Another false lead?

The hunt for the Boeing 777 has had several false leads

- Oil slicks were spotted early along the plane's original route, but they did not contain jet fuel.
- A yellow floating object turned out to be trash.
- Chinese satellite images showed possible debris floating earlier, but nothing was found.
- Malaysian officials say the search efforts now mostly concentrate over the vast Indian Ocean.

Thrill seeker. Boy, 16, charged after climbing 1 World Trade Center spire

A 16-year-old boy described as a thrill seeker bypassed a security guard in the middle of the night and climbed a ladder to the spire of 1 World Trade Center in New York City, where he apparently took pictures, authorities said Thursday.

Justin Casquejo was arrested at 6 a.m. local time Sunday at the tallest building in the U.S. and was charged with misdemeanour criminal trespass, police said. Nobody answered the door Thursday at his Weehawken, New Jersey, home.

According to a criminal complaint, Casquejo was quoted as telling police: "I walked around the construction site and figured out how to access the Freedom Tower rooftop. I found a way up through the scaffolding, climbed onto the 6th floor, and took the elevator up to the 88th floor. I then took the staircase up to 104th (floor). I went to the rooftop and



climbed the ladder all the way to the antenna."

Authorities were still trying to determine the teen's motive. WABC-TV reported that he took pictures from the top of the building, where he stayed for about two hours.

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Saskatchewan. Premier touts Russian booze ban over Ukraine's crisis

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the province is considering banning Russian booze in government-run liquor stores because of Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Wall says it's a small measure, but sends a strong statement. He cautions that international trade can be complicated, so he wants to work with Ottawa to find what sanctions are planned.

Ukraine's turmoil hits home for many people in Saskatchewan where about 13 per cent of the population has Ukrainian roots. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Senate leader orders check on CIA computers

The classified report.

It concludes the CIA's use of coercive questioning was torture

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has instructed the Senate's chief law enforcement officer to examine the Intelligence Committee's computers amid an escalating fight between the CIA and lawmakers over access to secret documents about the agency's interrogation tactics during the Bush administration.

In a March 19 letter to CIA Director John Brennan, Reid challenged the agency head's complaints that committee staff improperly accessed the agency's computers to obtain the documents, calling the allegation "patently absurd."

Last week, the head of the

committee, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, questioned whether the agency broke the law and violated the U.S. Constitution in searching a computer network exclusively established for the committee.

Brennan has dismissed Feinstein's complaints.

The instructions to Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Terrance W. Gainer and the notification to Brennan ratcheted up a clash that pits Senate Democrats, led by Feinstein, against President Barack Obama's head of the spy agency.

Determined to resolve the fight, Reid said he had "instructed the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms to initiate a forensic examination of the computers and computer network assigned for exclusive (committee) use, in order to determine how the 'Panetta review' entered into the (committee) network." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Italy rescues 4,000 migrants at sea

In this photo released by the Italian Navy Thursday rescued migrants are about to be boarded on the San Giusto ship, background, along the Mediterranean sea. Italian authorities say they have rescued more than 4,000 would-be migrants at sea over the past four days as the war in Syria and instability in Libya spawn new waves of refugees. ITALIAN COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senate leader Court refuses to hear Turcotte appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it won't hear an appeal by a former Quebec cardiologist who is facing a new double-murder trial in the slayings of his young children.

Guy Turcotte was hoping the high court would hear his case for overturning a lower court decision in an attempt to avoid a second first-degree murder trial in the killings.

As is standard practice in the case of applications for leave to appeal, the Supreme Court did not give reasons for its decision to reject Turcotte's bid.

Turcotte will face trial again for the deaths of his children, Olivier, 5, and Anne-Sophie, 3, who were stabbed a combined 46 times before Turcotte tried to take his own life by ingesting windshield washer fluid.

His highly publicized trial heard that Turcotte was dis-

traught over the abrupt end of his marriage and only remembered the night in flashes.

A spokesman for the Crown's office said it was satisfied with the Supreme Court's decision and is ready to proceed with a trial.

"The prosecutor in charge of the file will continue his preparation in view of the new trial," said spokesman Jean-Pascal Boucher.

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Syria. Assad's troops take over Crusader castle

Syrian troops captured a famed Crusader castle near the border with Lebanon on Thursday, running the two-starred government flag high above the stone ramparts of the 12th century fortress after days of intense clashes with rebel fighters.

Lebanese private broadcaster Al-Mayadeen TV aired footage of Syrian soldiers walking unopposed into the Crac des Chevaliers, the towering hilltop citadel. The loud crackle celebratory gunfire could be heard as troops explored the sprawling castle, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Crac des Chevaliers is considered one of the world's best-preserved castles from the era of the Crusades, but the war has been hard on it. Recent web videos show shelling and air strikes against its thick stone ramparts.

This is the latest in a string of battlefield gains for President Bashar Assad's forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkey

Three dead in roadblock attack

Three gunmen opened fire on security forces at a highway roadblock in central Turkey on Thursday, killing a soldier, a policeman and a truck driver whose vehicle they escaped in, the governor of

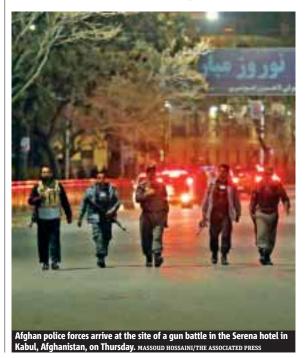
the province of Nigde said.

Two of the men were later caught at a clinic seeking medical help for their wounds, said the governor.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan described it as a "terror act." No group was identified and a motive was not provided.

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Taliban attacks kill 11, challenge election safety



Kabul and Jalalabad targeted. Afghan forces kill all the assailants

Four gunmen with pistols stuffed into their socks attacked a luxury hotel frequented by foreigners in Afghanistan's capital Thursday, just hours after militants killed 11 people in an audacious assault on a police station in eastern Afghanistan.

All the assailants were killed in both standoffs, but made their point: Afghan forces face a huge challenge in upcoming

Defiant

"Our people, if they decide to attack any place, they can do it."

Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokes**person,** claiming responsibility for Thursday's attacks in Kabul and Jalalabad

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elections, a major test of their abilities as foreign troops wind down their combat mission at the end of this year.

The attacks show the Taliban are following through on their threat to use violence to the disrupt April 5 vote, which will be the first democratic transfer of power since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Islamic militant movement. President Hamid Karzai is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault on the Serena hotel and the earlier attack in Jalalabad, an economic hub near the border with Pakistan.

The Taliban have carried out numerous attacks in Jalalabad, Kabul and other areas. The choice of a police station as a target reflected an effort to show they can still penetrate heavily secured areas despite numerous U.S. and Afghan offensives against them in recent years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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3 Ukrainian warships seized

Navy commander freed. Rear Adm. Sergei Haiduk, civilians were held for hours after HQ in Sevastopol stormed Wednesday

Pro-Russian forces seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday as the U.S. announced new sanctions against Russia for its annexation of Crimea.

Shots were fired but there were no casualties as the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnitsky was seized in Sevastopol. Another ship, the Lutsk, was surrounded by pro-Russian forces and Ukrainian servicemen were seen disembarking the Ternopil corvette.

President Barack Obama on Thursday expanded U.S. economic sanctions against Moscow, targeting President Vladimir Putin's chief of staff and 19 other individuals as well as a Russian bank that provides them sup-

port. Obama also said he had signed an executive order that would allow the U.S. to penalize key sectors of the Russian economy.

Within minutes Obama's speech, Russia retaliated by banning entry to nine U.S. officials and lawmakers.

In an address to the German Parliament in Berlin, Chancellor Angela Merkel said the EU was readying further sanctions and that the G8 forum of leading economies had been suspended indefinitely. Russia holds the presidency of the G8 and Putin was due to host his counterparts at a G8 summit in Sochi in June.

With thousands of Ukrainian soldiers and sailors trapped on military bases, surrounded by heavily armed Russian forces and pro-Russia militia, the Kyiv government said it was drawing up plans to evacuate its outnumbered troops from Crimea back to the mainland. However, many servicemen have already switched sides to Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man in an unmarked uniform, right, looks at Ukrainian crew members of the Ukrainian corvette Khmelnitsky as it was seized in Sevastopol, Crimea, Thursday. Pro-Russian crowds seized three Ukrainian warships Thursday. Shots were fired but there were no casualties. ANDREW LU

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Canadian class actions.

Lawsuits loom for GM over defective ignition switches

Class-action lawsuits against General Motors are beginning to pile up over the automaker's handling of defective ignition switches in 1.6 million small cars worldwide.

About 235,000 of those cars were sold in Canada, and at least two separate law firms are seeking to represent people who are looking for compensation, adding to several other suits in the United States.

Over the past week, Merchant Law Group LLP filed claims against the Detroitbased auto maker in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, saying that GM knowingly misled customers about safety issues by hiding its knowledge of the ignition prob-

Sutts, Strosberg LLP, based in Windsor, Ont., a law firm that also handles many class action cases, also recently posted a message in a local newspaper seeking GM vehicle owners.

In the GM ignition switch recall, the company has acknowledged it learned about the problem at least 11 years ago, yet it failed to recall the cars until last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A night at the 'Bucks

Whatdda mean I can't have one more Venti wine?

Starbucks plans to turn more of its cafes into a destination for beer and wine in the evenings.

The coffee company says it is looking to expand alcohol sales to "thousands of select stores" over the next several years, although it didn't provide details on an exact timeline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bubble trouble: Gum sales have burst

A garbage bin sits full of bubble qum at Yankee Stadium in New York in 2010. U.S. gum sales have tumbled 11 per cent over the past four years. No one in the industry can pinpoint a single factor that's causing the decline — the theories include an unwillingness to shell out \$2 US or more for a pack in the bad economy or that advertising veered too far from underlining qum's cavity-fighting benefits. KATHY KMONICEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ont. kick-starts new crowdfunding rules

Crowdsourcing ideas.

Ontario leads way on proposed regulations for businesses raising funds from individuals online

The Ontario Securities Commission is proposing new rules to allow start-ups and early-stage businesses to raise up to \$1.5 million a year from individuals through registered crowdfunding web portals.

Several other agencies, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, said Thursday they'll also publish the On-

Goes its own way

The British Columbia **Securities Commission made** it clear Thursday that it has a different approach in mind.

"The BCSC is not publishing the Ontario

tario proposals for comment at the same time.

Entrepreneurs use crowdfunding to pitch their ideas directly to large numbers of consumers, who then invest typically small amounts in the startup. There have been concerns that individual investors

could be at risk of fraud if they are victims of unscrupulous schemes.

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agency said.

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OSC chief executive Howard Wetston said Ontario's approach would provide new regulatory rules to provide businesses with more access to capital and expand opportunities for investors.

"We have done so in a balanced and responsible manner that is intended to facilitate capital raising while maintaining an appropriate level of investor protection,' Wetston said in a statement.

Ontario's proposed rules would allow businesses to raise up to \$1.5 million during a 12-month period through a crowdfunding portal that has been registered with securities regulators. The OSC proposal would also limit how much an investor can invest a maximum of \$2,500 in a single investment and \$10,000 per year.

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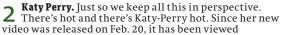
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WHAT HOT LOOKS LIKE IN CANADA

The "most hated man in America" dies.

1 The "most nateu man in America Lit's not everyday that "84-year-old preacher dies of natural causes" trends big on Twitter. But Fred Phelps was not just any 84-year-old preacher from Kansas. He was often called "the most hated man in America" for his over-the-top, anti-gay protests. Fred and his followers explained the massacre of the little kids at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., as God's wrath for America's acceptance of homosexuality. He would turn up at military burials carrying signs that said "God Hates Fags" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers." No one knows where Fred is today, but it's probably as hot as ..





Paul Sullivan metronews.ca

122,263,013 times. What do you expect from someone who has 51 million Twitter followers? She wiggles her nose and it's a global event. The video in question is an amusing parable of ancient Egypt, featuring Katy in various fanciful Egyptian queen outfits hip-hop dancing. And it wouldn't be a Katy Perry video without a controversy: In this one, a suitor is turned to dust while wearing a pendant that appears to display the word Allah in Arabic. After a petition of 100,000 names was collected demanding YouTube remove the video, Katy's team digitally removed the pendant. What pendant?

Oh, yeah, Vladimir Putin invades Crimea. 9 Oh, yeah, Vladimir Putin invales or Putin, by contrast, has 20,851 followers. He takes over Crimea on Tuesday and his followers increase by 262. That perspective thing.

Alison Redford rides off into the Alberta sunset. She's no Katy Perry, but it wasn't so long ago that Alison Redford could be considered the Queen of Alberta, if not the Queen of the Nile. But her fortunes went a---backwards recently as she stubbornly refused to pay back expenses incurred on a trip to Nelson Mandela's funeral. By the time she gave in it was too late. Members of her caucus started resigning and she faced a revolt from as many as two dozen MLAs. Given no choice, she resigned, eclipsing the earlier resignation this week of national Tory Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. That's what "hot" looks like in

Not hot. At all. The first day of spring officially began on Thursday at 12:57. You might have missed it if your sun dial was buried under the snow. Thanks to global warming, spring begins about three weeks earlier than it did in the '70s, according to National Geographic. That's good news in places like Winnipeg, which has just survived the third coldest winter in over

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We've got cuteness on hand



Tiny loris saved by zoo staff

Keepers at Paignton Zooin Devon, southwest England are caring for a rare baby that weighed little more than a CD at birth. The pygmy slow loris (Nycticebus pygmaeus) which weighed 22 grams when it was born — was one of two born to a first-time mother. Sadly, one twin did not survive and keepers stepped in to save the other when its mother abandoned it. metro

Weighs as much as a dessert spoon

Seven keepers now take turns to feed the baby both day and night. As slow loris are nocturnal, the youngster is more active and needs more feeds overnight. Now, at around a month old, it has gone from 22 grams — less than a single AA battery — to over 30 grams — the weight of a dessert spoon. When fully grown the primate will only weigh around 500 grams or less. **METRO**

"You have to take care not to squirt the milk into the lungs — you have to let the baby suckle at its own rate. We are just moving on to feeding some solids now — small amounts of mashed, boiled sweet potato."

Lewis Rowden, zookeeper

Vhere to find them

- Habitat, lungles of south-eastern Asia.
- Venom. One of the only poisonous mammals in the world; loris inject venom through their sharp bite.
- Status. Endangered due to habitat loss and hunting for illegal pet trade.



If you're a fashionista, then the one thing vou're constantly doing is deciding what to wear. Here are some fashion apps that offer you a virtual style assistant to help organize vour closets and plan our outfits.

Walk in My Closet:

Create a catalogue of your closet on this app, which can help you create looks and share them online. You can also get weekly fashion-trend reviews and play with a fashion mood board.

Stylebook:

Use this app to curate your closet and plan out what to wear. There are over

90 features to help you organize your styles and wardrobe and also offers wardrobe stats like cost per wear.

Closet:

Dubbed the "Swiss Army Knife of style assistants," Closet app helps you decide what to wear using a style grid. You can track which items and outfits were last worn, and even plan outfits in

Letters

RE: And The Most Famous Canadian Is..., published March 19

I wish to express my dismay at Paul Sullivan's column discussing the problems with the recent MIT research project about the most famous Canadian. In his column, he made repeated reference to "somebody named Chris Benoit" who he has never heard of. For his reference, Chris Benoit is a former professional wrestler who murdered his wife and son before committing suicide.

I hope that in this case, Mr. Sullivan just couldn't be bothered to do a simple Google search to find out this information. The alternative is that he knew about Benoit and his actions, and still felt it suitable to use his name as a punchline to an otherwise decently-made point about the inaccuracy of the source list.

In either case, I feel that the repeated reference to Chris Benoit in this column was in very poor taste. I very much agree that I would not want to see Benoit listed as a famous Canadian, but not just because there are other Canadians deserving greater recognition.

I welcome Mr. Sullivan to apologize for this oversight.

Chuck Gibbons, Toronto

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Synopsis

The story picks up one second after the last one ended. Kermit, Miss Piggy and the gang are on Hollywood Boulevard after their big comeback, wondering what to do next. A meeting with talent agent Dominic Badguy (Ricky Gervais) seems to provide an answer. Against Kermit's best judgment the Muppets accept Badguy's offer of a European tour to open in "the world capitol of comedy, Berlin, Germany." What they don't know is that Badguy is an associate of Constantine, the planet's most notorious criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit. The evil scheme is to replace Kermit with Constantine, and use the Muppets as a cover for an ingenious plan to steal the Crown Jewels. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ••••
- Steve: ••••

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN





Muppets in heist gear

Slapstick caper.

The Muppets roots are showing in cameopacked sequel

Richard: Steve, the new film from Jim Henson's felt and fur creations is being billed as a sequel to the 2011 Jason Segel Muppets film, but it isn't really. It's more a return to the Muppet movies of old, packed to the gills with show biz in jokes, puns, songs and even a Swedish Chef homage to Ingmar Bergman. It's more akin to The Great Muppet Caper than the most recent movie. Segel's Muppet movie played heartstrings like Eric Clapton strums the blues; Muppets Most Wanted has more of an edge. Well, as much of an edge as a movie starring Kermit and Miss Piggy could have. Did you sense that?

Steve: I don't know if edge is quite the word I'd use to describe it. It's definitely got darker elements but unfortunately, the gimmicky plot of replacing Kermit with an evil doppelganger felt forced and less natural than Segel's earnest version. Of course, even the filmmakers were aware of that and smartly addressed the impossible expectation of sequels in the opening number. That kind of self-consciousness worked better in the last movie but I certainly thought the songs in Muppets Most Wanted surpassed the 2011 film. We even get to hear Ricky Gervais sing!

RC: I'm not sure I agree. The human characters — notably Gervais, Tina Fey as Nadya, a lusty Russian prison guard, and Ty Burrell as an outrageous Interpol agent — are just as broad as

the puppets, which provides some laughs, but the emotional impact is blunted. To place it in an old Hollywood context, it's more the slapstick of Abbott and Costello than the restrained, sweet comedy of Charlie Chaplin. I liked Segel's take on the sweetness of the Muppets, but having said that, this movie made me laugh.

SG: It's true. It is fairly funny all the way through. It's probably slightly unfair to measure this film against its predecessors anyhow even if it does lack some of the pure warmth of Segel's. And it was fun to see all the talent showing up in clever cameo appearances - especially Ray Liotta and Danny Trejo as prisoners-turnedaspiring showmen. However, even the sheer bulk of celebrities feels slightly distracting. They should just

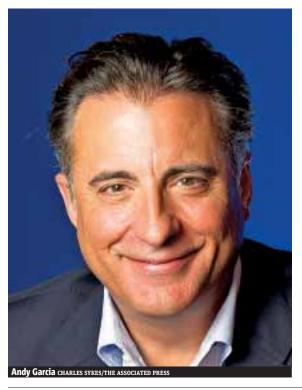
the puppets, which provides let the Muppets do the work.

RC: I agree. The Muppets bring a good deal of goodwill with them and the movie shines brighter as a result. It's hard not to giggle at the gags but an exchange between Fozzie and Walter hits a bit too close to an uncomfortable plot truth. 'Looks like he's planning some kind of heist bit, Fozzie says of Constantine. "I hope not," replies Walter, "they never work." That's a gag, this one works, but because of the Muppets, not because of the human stars.

SG: In the end, the fans that are going to pay to see Muppets Most Wanted will already have a good idea what they're in for. Besides, as that aforementioned opening musical number states, "everyone knows the sequel's not quite as good."



Garcia gets into mob mentality



Playing it old-school. Godfather III actor helped develop his real-life gangster role in Rob the Mob



EHRBAR ld News in Hollywood

Twenty-four years after The Godfather: Part III, Andy Garcia has graduated to mob boss, playing real-life gangster Big Al in director Raymond De Felitta's Rob the Mob. The true-life tale recounts the crime family's undoing at the hands to two unwitting small-time crooks (Michael Pitt and Nina Àrianda).

Our culture continues to be drawn to organized crime

I think it's part of a genre that all the generations have grown up with, if you look back to the days of

James Cagney and Bogart. It's permeated the tapestry of American film. And then The Godfather, obviously, a pretty sensational book about it, and film. And between the Godfather films and Goodfellas and some of the other works that explored the Italian-American cinematic existence, it's part of our fascination and a genre unto itself. The trick for Raymond is to see how he can cover this ground in a way hopefully that has not been covered, sort of seeing the mob in decline. And this really happened. That family took a big hit because of what happened with these kids. That's all the real story.

Was that part of the appeal for you, that it's based in fact?

It is a fascinating story, and the fact that it's true makes it even more fascinating, you know? If it was made up it would still be interesting, but the fact that it actually happened gives another layer to it. It adds an au-

Domesticating Big Al

"This is a throwback more to the guy who doesn't want to be noticed, you know? He's just a guy in the neighbourhood who has a food business."

Andy Garcia

thenticity to the story that makes it unique. So that was one thing, but for me it was really more about the relationship I had with Raymond. There was a potential to develop this character even further than what was on the page.

I'm having a hard time with films that take place in the '90s being considered period pieces.

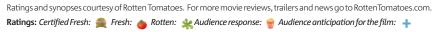
Well, it is the past. It's almost 25 years now. I guess we're just fortunate that we're still around to remember them. Anything outside of this decade I guess would be considered a period film.

You're playing a very domesticated crime boss.

We wanted to try to do something when we started to develop the character and the part, to try to do something hopefully was not a character that has been visited before and try to shed some perspective on who this person might be. So we ended up being more interested in his domestic side. Ray and the writers and I all collaborated on this new arc that wasn't initially in the original draft.

It's a nice counterpoint to John Gotti, who's criticized in the film for being too

Right, right. Yeah, this is a throwback more to the guy who doesn't want to be noticed, you know? He's just a guy in the neighborhood who has a food business. That's akin a lot to the old Meyer Lansky types, where people know what he's about, but he's just an old, retired Jewish man who walks his dog up and down Collins Avenue.





The Great Beauty

Director. Paolo Sorrentino

Stars. Toni Servillo, Carlo Verdone

Journalist Jep Gambardella (Toni Servillo) has charmed his way through the lavish nightlife of Rome for decades. Since the success of his only novel, he has been a fixture in the city's literary and social circles. But when his 65th birthday coincides with a shock from the past, Jep finds himself taking stock of his life and looking past the extravagant nightclubs, parties, and cafés to find Rome in all its glory: a timeless landscape of absurd, exquisite beauty.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:





Divergent

Director. Neil Burger

Stars. Kate Winslet, Theo James

This is an action-adventure film in a world where people are divided into factions based on human virtues. Tris Prior (Shailene Woodley) is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy by a faction leader (Kate Winslet) to destroy all Divergents, Tris must learn to trust in the mysterious Four (Theo James) and together they must find out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Audience: Critics: No reviews yet



300: Rise of an Empire

Director. Noam Murro

Stars. Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Based on Frank Miller's latest graphic novel Xerxes and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster 300, this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield-on the sea-as Greek general Themistokles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score Critics: Audience:





The 2011 reboot of The Muppets gave new life to the singing and dancing animal troupe that enjoyed a first wave of fame in the 1970s and '80s. The success of The Muppets lead to the upcoming sequel, Muppets Most Wanted, in which the gang gets sucked into a jewel-heist caper by a dastardly Kermit the Frog lookalike. Framed for crimes they didn't commit, the Muppets' rap sheets are out, so the public can help track them down

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Muppets Most Wanted!

Kermit the Frog

Alias: The Green One, Kermie, La Rana René in Mexico, Caco o Sapo in Brazil



Distinguishing characteristics: Known to play the banjo and sing, this frog from humble swamp beginnings dates a pig and has a history of leading hordes of animals in the pursuit of becoming rich and famous.

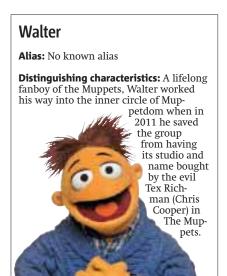
Miss Piggy

Alias: Piggy

Distinguishing characteristics: In an on-again, off-again relationship with Mr. The Frog, Miss Piggy is known for her dramatic entrances, her "Hi-YAH" karate chops and a temper



Gonzo Alias: The Great Gonzo, Gonzo the Great Distinguishing characteristics: With a crooked nose and predilection for dating chickens (Camilla is his steady GF), Gonzo's species has never been identified. The blue Muppet is known for his daredevil stunt performances but also has steady work as a plumb-



Animal

Alias: AH-NI-MAL!!!!!!

Distinguishing characteristics: Speaking only in verbs and nouns, this drummer for Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem has a monosyllabic power that is chan-



Fozzie

Alias: Fozziwig



Scooter

Alias: No known alias

Distinguishing characteristics: As a top logistics man for the Muppet operation, the green sport jacket-clad stage manager is the coordinator extraordinaire

for most any Muppet caper. Before their reunion in 2011 (The Muppets) Scooter enjoyed a full-time gig at Google.

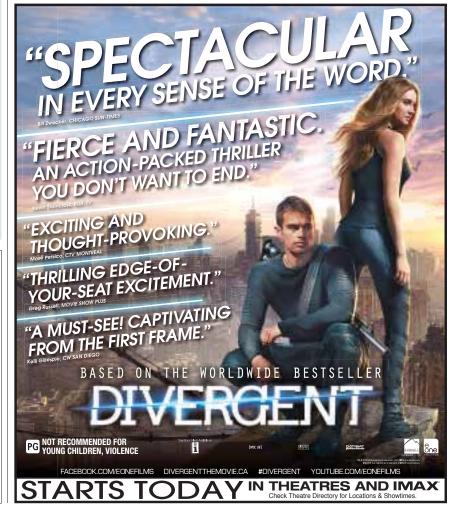


Pepe the King Prawn

Alias: Pepino Rodrigo Serrano Gonzales, The Crustacean Casanova

Distinguishing characteristics:

This six-limbed Spaniard joined the Muppets in 1999 with Muppets from Space. Known as an artist and "crustacean Casanova" to females of most species, the tiny-headed shrimp lets his accent do most of the romancing. He is known to enjoy donning a pink tutu, particularly for the film



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SCENE 21

Leguizamo brings Ghetto Klown to HBO

Last autobiographical performance. The candid method actor and comedian has taken the traumatic moments from his life and made them funny in order to move on

MEREDITH ENGEL

Metro World News

Those who couldn't catch John Leguizamo's one-man career retrospective, Ghetto Klown, when it was on Broadway and on tour now have another chance to see the rowdy, emotional performance: It's coming to HBO Canada Saturday night.

After four stand-up specials for HBO, Leguizamo is comfortable baring all on stage (emotionally, that is). "You do develop a callus," he says

But Leguizamo wouldn't be able to be so vulnerable if he weren't in tune with himself — a practice that he credits his therapist in helping him with.

"You can't have a show like this and not go to therapy," says the actor and comedian, who is very open about the fact that he sees a therapist.

"You have to be very self-aware and want to be self-aware to be able to write a show about yourself, and a

When to watch

• Ghetto Klown airs Saturday at 10 p.m. on HBO Canada.

good show."

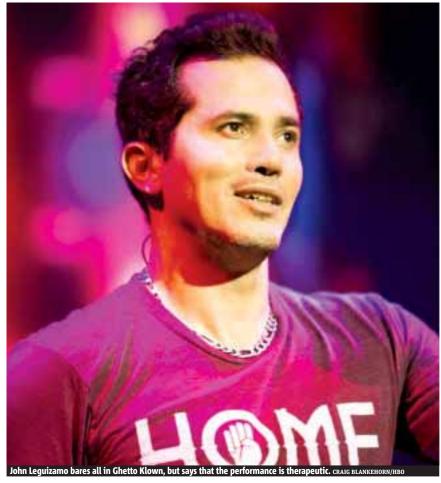
Leguizamo says that there was no way he could present an honest account of his life without touching upon negative experiences ("The audience knows when you're fast-forwarding," he says). He believes that turning his tough times — like his tough relationship with his dad and his divorce — into art help him reframe the narrative and move on from them.

"A lot of artists use art to take control of it," he says. "You recreate it lots of times until you can let it go.

"I'm taking all my traumatic moments, making them funnier than they actually were, but reworking them and having control over them this time, as opposed to them controlling me. When you're making the art you're the god, and then you can see all the sides of it and it gives you distance. Then it's not so toxic."

The show took eight years to develop, and Leguizamo worked to ensure it ran "like a clock"

"I'm one person and I'm doing a lot of emotional things," he says. "I have to have certain things be right on time and right on schedule so that I can just



be a springboard and fly, not thinking about anything." Being a method actor helps, he adds, because "it teaches you how to be crazy in front of a lot of people." Leguizamo says Ghetto Klown is his "magnum opus" and that it's his last autobiographical perform ance. Up next, he'll be doing a political or historical performance of vignettes, in a tribute to his hero, Jonathan Winters.

"This is my masterpiece. This is it. I'm not spending eight years on anything Rated R

Not for the kids. Leguizamo's wife, Justine, has seen Ghetto Klown, but his two teenagers haven't — and won't until they've graduated college, he says. "They know it's inappropriate and they're not allowed," he says. "It's a lot of personal things that I'm not ready to share with them." By the time they're 21 though, "they'll have life experience," he says. "They'll understand a little bit."

 Wild and crazy. Sometimes Leguizamo's Broadway audience took the show's party atmosphere to the next level. "I love the reactions from the audience and I think that's part of what feeds the show, but yeah, in the end it's still a theater piece," he says. "You know, Broadway for some reason, the owners felt like my show could tolerate people bringing the drinks to their chairs, in super-size cups, so there was a lot of inappropriate behaviour going on in my theatre." And we're talking more than phones going off. "I almost crashed head to head with this guy because he ran onstage as I was going offstage," he says.

anymore — I can't do that. That was an incredible marathon, and it was worth the run, but now I need to do something totally different."



Alexander Ludwig is Bjorn to be wild

Q&A. Vikings star talks about playing a young warrior — and why Bjorn would kick Cato's butt in a fight

You might know Canadian actor Alexander Ludwig as Cato, the ill-fated brutish Career tribute in The Hunger Games.

Now, he's taking on another tough-guy role, that of bold and bestial Bjorn, son of young warrior Ragnar, in season two of History's Vikings.

"I think Bjorn is kind of a diamond in the rough," says Ludwig. "He's really got a good heart. He can be vicious and he can be mean — he was known to be an incredible warrior but deep down he does have a heart of gold."

Were you nervous about joining an already established

Yeah, it's always a little intimi-



dating when you're joining a cast that's been around, but they welcomed (me) with

open arms and we got along super well. I had already met (my mother and father on the show) back in Los Angeles, so when I got back to Ireland we were just reuniting.

You're filming in Ireland? We're filming in Dublin. I'd

been to Dublin once before with my family but it was very short. It's great because now I'm older and I get to really experience it by myself, which I love. We're living there for like a full four or five months. It's unbelievable.

Was moving to another country a big of a culture shock?

I always heard Ireland was great but the people there are just so giving and they will really go out of their way, even if they don't know you, just to make sure you're having a good time and you are taken care of. They're really just a warm-hearted people and that kind of just shocked me because I wasn't expecting that. And they have a great music scene, which I love.

Let's talk about your costumes - or maybe in your case, your lack thereof.

For the most part I am clothed. (Laughs) It's unbelievable what they've done with the costumes and I give a lot of props to the costume department. They've gone above and beyond and researched exactly what (the characters) would look like back then, and a lot of the material they make it out of is how they actually made their costumes back then. It really just makes it so much easier as an actor; you don't have to pretend to be a Viking at all. The sets are so

exceptional and the clothing is so real you already feel you're

Did you know much about Vikings before joining the

No, and I think that's why Vikings is doing so well - it is a part of history that not a lot of people know about, so there's very little to go off.

What are the challenges of playing someone who's so long gone?

I think there's a lot more freedom just because it was so long ago. There's very little for me to go off of. I think the only pressure really came from the fact that the character has already been established in the first season, so I took it upon myself to really ensure that there were certain funda-

"It really just makes it so much easier as an actor; you don't have to pretend to be a Viking at all. The sets are so exceptional and the clothing is so real you already feel you're in it."

Alexander Ludwig on the costumes in

mentals that I wanted to stay consistent with my character, like the depth of his character and his earnestness.

Bjorn was a very powerful Viking and he was able to command a lot of attention at a young age. I think a lot of that has to come from the fact that he was very sincere and he rarely smiled — when he did it really meant something. Everything he did had a purpose and in that way he was also a very intellectual and loving person. I wanted to keep that depth to him, but also, four years have gone by since you last saw him and a lot can change, so I wanted also to show that maturity to him now.

Who would win in a fight between Bjorn and Cato?

Bjorn would win. He's just so vicious. I think a lot of people were confused about why Vikings were so great, and why they would always win their battles — the equipment they carried wasn't nearly as good as what everybody else carried, but they were still able to prevail, and they had less people but they still were able to prevail. The reason is, they didn't fear death. To them, this was just the beginning, and once you died honourably you went on to another life.



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Somehow, she just didn't see it coming

You Should Have Known. Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel is inspired by women who don't see trouble when it's right in front of them

EMILY LAURENCE

Metro World News in New York City

Most people pride themselves on knowing when someone is lying. When we hear about former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's outrageous illicit affairs or Bernie Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, we look at their smart and stylish wives and think, "She must have known, right? How could she not have?" This "should have known" belief is the idea behind Jean Hanff Korelitz's latest novel.

The book's protagonist is Grace, a therapist living the life she's always wanted. Married to a sympathetic pediatric oncologist, she has an intelligent and respectful son and has just written a highly anticipated self-help book cautioning women to hear what men are telling them at the very beginning of a relationship. But when Grace's husband goes missing and she finds herself in the middle of a media frenzy, she's left wondering how she could have missed her own ad-

According to Korelitz, you'd be surprised how many smart women have their own "should have known" moment.

"The British publisher asked everyone who worked at the publishing company to submit their 'should have known' moments and I got to pick the winner." she says.

"These women are very, very smart. They're working for this great publisher, yet they all seem to have some story where you wanted to look at them and think, 'Really? Really?'"

The winner of the aforementioned contest was a woman who went on a first date with a guy who told her that he saw sexuality as free-flowing and not something you can put in a box.

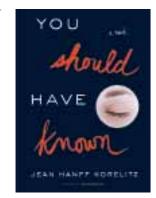
"She dated him for years and, of course, he turned out



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"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s— together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book."

Jean Hanff Korelitz, author



to be gay," Korelitz muses. Like Korelitz's other

Like Korelitz's other novels — among them Admission — this one is about a smart, independent woman who isn't entirely likeable.

"Every single one of my novels starts with a woman who seems to have her s—together but is destroyed by the middle or end of the book," she says. "If this is an unconscious choice, it's so unconscious that it might as well be conscious. It's an overwhelming compara-

tive, almost, to look at these women and basically take them apart and strip them down and see what's left."

In this novel, the principal character is a much different woman than the one you meet at the beginning of the book. You, too, just might be changed after finishing You Should Have Known — a little more discerning, a little more aware, and a little less critical of those wives the camera pans to during the next high-profile press conference.

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After 18 years, chick lit is all grown up

Girl problems. Genre veteran Jane Green says she writes women the way she sees them in her own life

EMILY LAURENCE

Back in 1997 when Jane Green released her first novel, Straight Talking, there was no such thing as chick lit. Green, along with a few other authors at the time, became the founding writers of what went on to become a billion dollar

"Helen Fielding wrote Bridget Jones's Diary and Straight Talking came out three or four months later and there were a couple other books in England that came out around the same time," Green tells us.

"A newspaper ran a double-spread article about us and said we had created this new genre, chick lit. And that's really how it started."

Green has made a career writing commercial women's fiction and is releasing her 15th book, Tempting Fate, on March 25. According to her, writing for women now is very different than it was 18 years ago.

"When I first started writing, (chick lit) was aspirational. You had these huge sexy, glitzy sagas about women who conquered the world. They weren't very real, but they were huge fun. I think what we did was introduce a genre that really held a mirror to women and held it with great honesty and humor," she says. "I don't think there was a genre of books where women were able to read and say, 'I've been there. That's exactly what my life is like.

Her new novel is about infidelity and full of so many "What ifs?" and "Then whats?" that it makes it impossible not to devour the book in just a few sittings.

JANE GREEN -tempting-fate/

As Green has gotten older, so have her characters. The principal character in Tempting Fate isn't a 20- or 30-something trying to figure out her relationship status; it's a woman in her 40s on the brink of a midlife crisis.

"My days of writing about women in their 20s and 30s are over," Green says.

"I've always drawn on my own life. ... All the sudden in my 40s, I noticed a number of women who announced



they'd been unhappy for years and unbearably it turned out these women were having affairs. I started to really look at female infidelity and in particular what happens to a woman in her 40s. Why am I seeing so

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Jane Greene, author, on what inspires her writing now

many women being unfaithful? What is going on?"

Green is contractually obligated to release two books a year, so even though she is just now celebrating the release of Tempting Fate, her 16th book is already done and she's currently at work on the 17th.

"My next book is called Saving Grace and is about an older man married to a younger woman. They take on an assistant who seems perfect in every way, but within a short period of time, she starts systematically destroying their lives," she reveals. Sounds just about right.





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Video game review

Name. South Park: The Stick Of Truth

For. PS3/Xbox 360/PC

Rated. Mature 17+

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It's hard to keep the jokes going for two hours, let alone twenty, but this mature-comedy adventure had me roaring from start to finish. Exceptional writing makes this epic role-playing game feel like a South Park movie, capturing the way kids re-enact their stories only to use that to break every adult taboo. Yes, there's fart-based magic and underpants gnomes, but shockingly explicit material involving Nazi recordings and abortions too. The gameplay is an admirable mix of exploring and mini-games, the best being an 8-bit adventure to Canada. KRIS ABEL



3 songs for the weekend



Avant Gardener/

Courtney Barnett

favourite new tune of

deadpan delivery are

lyrics that are surreal,

It's only later you real-

ize she's singing about

having an anaphylactic

panic attack. Brilliant,

really.

inventive and witty.

the month. Beyond the

My hands-down

SOUND CHECK Alan Cross scene@metronews.ca

Courtney Barnett, an '80s revival and a tribute that is pretty, pretty, pretty good

How Deep is the Hole/ACTORS

Cold wave (with a touch of New Romanticism) from Vancouver that takes you back to 1984. Pairs well with Interpol, Editors and old-school Depeche Mode.





The Seinfeld Reunion/Larry David

You've probably been hoping for a bunch of grindcore/death guys to form a band just so they could record an album based entirely on Curb Your Enthusiasm's Larry David. Well, your prayers have been answered. Definitely NSFW. Or anything else.

Canada's A-list

Arcade Fire, Sarah McLachlan added as Juno performers

Arcade Fire, OneRepublic and Sarah McLachlan have been added to the list of performers at the upcoming Juno Awards.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which runs the televised music bash, says OneRepublic will perform their latest single, Counting Stars, while McLachlan will debut the song Beautiful Girl from her upcoming album, Shine On

Arcade Fire, however, will appear via a taped performance due to touring commitments. The Montreal-based band — scheduled to be in Chile that same weekend — is up for a leading six nominations, including album of the year.

The Juno Awards, co-hosted by Classified, Johnny Reid and Serena Ryder, take place March 30 in Winnipeg and air on CTV. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The Word



Just call her Debbie Downer Diaz

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"Everybody has been cheated on, everyone will be cheated on. I can't fix that, I don't know how," Cameron Diaz tells the British edition of OK! Magazine. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to not cheat on someone if you just decide not to cheat

on someone.) Diaz is also fine without having kids, because that means she can travel. (Editor's note: Please don't confuse The Diaz by telling her it is possible to buy your child a plane ticket.) "We are tribal, we need our tribe," she says. "I have a bunch of little tribes all over the world that I pop to for a little bit of time, and then I move on. And that's the great thing about being mobile. A lot of my friends have kids and they are stuck, planted in one place, and I kind of get to pop into all the different little tribes around the world and hang out for a



Weir through: Skating star announces marriage has frozen over

Figure skating star Johnny Weir has split from his husband of two years, Victor Voronov. "It is with great sadness that I announce that my husband and I are no longer together," Weir wrote on Twitter. "My heart hurts, and I wish him well."

Skating star Weir, who, along with partner Tara Lipinski, made a big splash at the 2014 Winter Olympics with their snappy commentary and even snappier outfits, has been married to Voronov, a Georgetown law grad, for two years. The Weir-Voronovs were in court on March 4 for a domestic violence incident, during which Weir allegedly bit Voronov, according to Page Six. Just last month, Weir spoke to Access Hollywood about his relationship and mentioned the stresses of married life.

"A marriage between two guys is different than what I imagine a marriage between a man and a woman (to be)," he said. "I mean, we're both constantly trying to fight to wear the pants in the relationship."

"It's constant fireworks," Johnny added. "It's very boom, boom, boom."

Detectives boiling over easy resolution in cel-egg-rity case

Justin Bieber is set to get off with just a misdemeanor

vandalism charge for the January egg-throwing incident at his home in Calabasas, Calif., and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department detectives who investigated the matter are "absolutely furious" about it, according to Radar Online. "He caused \$20,000 in damage and there is just no denying that," a law enforcement source — who asked not to be identified - says. "It sends the wrong message to the community that celebrities are treated differently. This case should be filed against Justin as a felony, period." But the L.A. District Attorney's office disagreed, stating last month that "there just isn't enough compelling evidence to file a felony vandalism charge against Justin."



Did Lindsay give her sober living coach the heave-Lo?

Lindsay Lohan's vows to lead a cleaner life post-rehab are coming into question since she reportedly fired her sober living coach, Michael Cormier, once filming had been completed on her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show, according to Radar Online. "Lindsay immediately hired Michael to be her sober living coach and companion. He moved from Los Angeles to New

York City to be with her 24-7," a source says. "But as soon as the cameras were packed up, Lindsay gave Michael the pink slip, and he hasn't heard from her since." The cost of such a service might have been a factor for the often cash-strapped starlet: "This wasn't cheap for Lindsay, as Michael charges up to \$1,500 a day," the source explains.

RiRi and me: January's jonesin' for a date with the Billboard busting bad-girl

Forget Drake and Chris Brown — Rihanna has another celebrity admirer. When asked by online magazine Violet Grey whom she most wants to go to bed with, dead or alive, Mad Men star January Jones responds with, "Paul Newman or Rihanna." Not bad, as far as options go. Jones also explains why she's not big on explaining herself. "I prefer to remain mysterious and have people make their own judgment calls about me than to always have to explain who I



am and what I'm about," she says. "I try to take risks and shock people a little bit. It's important to provoke some sort of emotion, negative or positive."

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Those people that think it would be fun to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs deserve to do a movie with a bunch of f-ing dogs.



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When in doubt, do nothing...the correct course will



Playing wine favourites



LIQUID ASSETS

Wine writers make the worst customers. Short of trying the new vintage of a familiar brand, our quest to taste everything makes buying a wine more than once unlikely.

That doesn't mean that you shouldn't play favourites. In fact, I recommend that everyone should have at least 10

go-to wines that have proven themselves consistent, versatile and fun to drink (whether with a particular dish or on their own).

Having a Top 10 means you're always ready with a bottle you know will deliver - especially when you're invited to the boss's house for dinner or want to show off your wine savvy to friends.

A reliable Chianti needs to be on your list. Made primarily from the sangiovese grape, it's the quintessential Tuscan red.

The 2009 Ruffino Riserva Ducale (\$24.95 - \$34.99) comes from Chianti's Classico area the oldest part of the region.

Packed with chewy blackberry and cherry fruit, its flavour flow is massaged by bright acidity and dry, grippy tannins. Try it with rustic Italian dishes like osso buco, meaty lasagna and, of course, pizza. PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE

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Even though it may not feel like it in certain parts of the country, spring has sprung. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay helps us celebrate with a recipe that's both refreshing and light from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Dessert

Cheat's Raspberry Brûlée

- 300 g frozen raspberries1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 1/2 cups (420 a) Greek-style thick natural yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream
- 2 tbsp caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Extra caster (superfine) sugar, for sprinkling

Place raspberries and sugar in saucepan over high heat and simmer 20 minutes or until mixture thickens. Spoon raspberry mixture into 4 x 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof dishes. Refrigerate until cold. Whisk yogurt, cream, sugar and vanilla until thick and spoon over raspberry mixture. Refrigerate until cold. Sprinkle with sugar and caramelize sugar with a kitchen blow torch until golden. DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM



Greet spring with Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé



This Cheat's Goat's Cheese Soufflé with Roasted Beetroot Salad serves four.



FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE

- **1.** Preheat oven to 200 C (400
- 2. Roasted beetroot salad: Trim, wash and scrub the beetroot, reserving the smaller leaves. Discard the stems. Place the beetroot and rosemary on a baking tray and sprinkle with oil and salt. Roast for 40 minutes or until tender. Set aside.
- **3.** Soufflé: Place the cheese, cream, salt and egg yolks in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until light and fluffy. Fold through the breadcrumbs.
- 4. Place the egg whites in a clean bowl and beat until soft peaks form. Fold the whites into the cheese mixture.
- 5. Spoon into 4 x 1½-cup capacity (375 ml) lightly greased ramekins and bake for 20-25 minutes or until puffed and

golden. To serve, halve the larger beetroot and toss with the leaves. Whisk together the vinegar, oil, salt and pepper and spoon over the salad. Serve with the soufflé. watch donna hay FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS START-ING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CAN-ADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.

- 150 g soft goat's cheese
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) single (pouring) cream
- sea salt
- 2 eggs, separated 2 cups (140 g) fresh white breadcrumbs

Roasted Beetroot Salad

- 600 g baby red and golden beetroot (beets)
- 6 rosemary sprigs . olive oil and sea salt, for
- sprinklina
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 thsp olive oil
- sea salt and cracked black pepper



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Letting it all hang art at home

Frame of mind. Master a few picture-hanging skills and you'll be playing to the gallery

How art and pictures are hung can change the way a space looks, but placing and hanging pieces properly requires a bit of skill.

Interior designer Shelley Kirsch says the most important step in putting up art in a home is to make sure it is at the right height.

Height matters

"It's a good idea if you are hanging a piece to get it so the centre of the picture is at eye level," she says.

If a piece is hung too high, Kirsch says, it can be disorienting to the viewer.

Putting a photo or painting above a couch requires considering the height of people sitting below it.

According to Kirsch, a homeowner should get a person of average height to sit on the couch and then measure 23 centimetres above and make a mark, which is where the base of the frame should

"If people are trying to hang something over a sofa they have to make sure when someone is sitting on the sofa their head won't be hitting the picture," says Kirsch.

See the light

Before a homeowner puts the art on the wall, Kirsch recommends looking at how the surrounding lighting will shine on the piece.

"Make sure when you are hanging your art the lighting that is shining on the piece

Easels, tracks and rails

While the most common way to put a piece up on a wall is with a hammer and hook, there are many other products such as gallery-style tracks, which allow home-owners more flexibility with changing pieces.

- "There are other hanging systems that don't make marks on the wall that are adjustable," says Jenny Martin. "Easels can be fun as well, making larger pieces a sculptural element.
- "Picture rails are also fun. You use pieces of trim and make a ledge that you can set pieces on and lean them against the wall."

isn't bisecting or trisecting it," she says. "You have to be conscious about how light is reflecting in the area where the piece is being hung. What you want to do is try to get an even arch. If you are dealing with pot lights like most people are, you want to make sure the whole image is being washed, not just a portion of

On the level

When it comes to making sure your painting is straight, Jenny Martin recommends using two hooks to make sure the piece doesn't slump.

"You can use a level to help make sure the piece is straight, and there are specific tools on the market to help hang art, but I don't know if they are that great," says the Victoria interior designer.



"If you are using a wire on the back of a piece of art, that leaves more room for it to swing and move around which isn't going to keep it as straight, which is why I recommend using two fixed

Group dynamic

Instead of the traditional look of photos centred in a linear line on the wall, many homeowners are choosing to group multiple pieces together to create a collage-type feature.Martin says homeowners should

take time to map out the grouping they are going for before they start putting nails in the wall, and to pick a common theme among the pieces. "If you keep one element constant throughout the grouping it creates a great effect," she

says. "You could have a whole bunch of coloured frames, but all the prints are black and white, or you could have frames that are the same colour but are different profiles, sizes and mouldings.

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Hockey

Dineen to tackle under-18 job

Kevin Dineen led Canada's women to a gold medal at the Sochi Olympics, and his next task will be coaching the men's under-18 team at April's world championships in Finland.

"I think any time you

"I think any time you get to represent Canada in international competition it's a real honour," Dineen said in a phone interview Thursday night. "Obviously with our success in Sochi, it was a great time for me to sit back and enjoy that."

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NHL

Flyers flying high after topping Stars

Wayne Simmonds scored two goals and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Dallas Stars 4-2 Thursday night for their fourth straight win.

Mark Streit and Michael Raffl also scored for Philadelphia, which improved to 11-2-1 in its last 14 games while maintaining its hold on second place in the Metropolitan Division.

Spring training

Bautista's bat still blazing vs. Phillies

Jose Bautista extended his torrid spring training with a double and Esmil Rogers gave up just one run in five innings Thursday as the Blue Jays beat a Philadelphia Phillies split squad 3-1.

Bautista went 1-for-3, and is hitting .359 with five homers, four doubles and 11 RBIs.

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Mo' wins, still many problems for Maurice

NHL. Merely giving the Jets a sniff at a playoff spot this season could keep coach employed in 'Peg for years to come

Paul Maurice is a coach, not a miracle worker.

Yet his job over two months with the Winnipeg Jets makes him seem closer to the latter.

And while the Jets would still need to just about win out to make the playoffs, even having the slightest glimmer of hope is a testament to Maurice, who took over a team that was closer to last place in the Western Conference than a wild-card spot.

"Obviously very impressed," general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff said last week at the NHL general managers meeting in Boca Raton, Fla. "He's a quality, quality person as we've all known. Certainly he came into a difficult situation and has helped our group perform admirably."

Winnipeg was 10 points out of a playoff spot when Maurice replaced the fired Claude Noel on Jan. 12. An emotional overtime victory against the Colorado Avalanche on Wednesday night got them to within four points.



It was also the Jets' 13th victory in 24 games under Maurice. Given the spot he started in at 19-23-5 and out of the race, it has been quite the turnaround.

But Maurice's impressive showing thus far has not come

as a shock to one of his former bosses, Carolina Hurricanes

GM Jim Rutherford.

"I'm not surprised. He's never gotten the credit for the kind of coach he is," Rutherford said in a recent phone interview. "Paul is a very smart guy. He's a very good coach, and I'm very happy for him because he got into a good situation."

Maurice certainly has a reputation for maximizing talent after guiding the Hurricanes to the 2002 Stanley Cupfinal and then, in his second tour of duty there, got Carolina to the 2009 Eastern Conference

final

Maurice could be a longterm coaching solution for a Winnipeg team that will have high expectations next season. Three seasons without a playoff appearance will do that, especially with talent in key places and young players like centre Mark Scheifele and defenceman Jacob Trouba already looking like potential stars.

"I want to make the playoffs as bad as everybody does, but that doesn't change the place we are three years from now, five years from now," Maurice said last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Francis

"He's very good at staying in the present and getting the most out of his players because of his relationships and his ability to communicate with them on a daily basis."

Former Hurricanes captain Ron Francis on Paul Maurice

Ennis shines in March Madness debut



The mini basketball nets that hang all over Tyler Ennis's home in Brampton, Ont., have taken a beating over the years.

In a family of six athletic kids, everything becomes a competition.

The 19-year-old Ennis led the Syracuse Orange to a 77-53 victory over Western Michigan in their opening game of March Madness on Thursday, running the offence with a quiet confidence developed over years of playing alongside two bruising older brothers. "Very competitive," dad Tony McIntyre said of his kids. "Those Fisher Price nets, and the ones you hang on the door, they'd break those off. Then you'd hammer them into the ceiling in the basement. They'd break those.

"It would get heated. You'd have to break up fights. Out on the street when they'd play 2-on-2 or 1-on-1, someone would always end up upset and kicking the ball down the street."

Ennis, who led Syra-

cuse to a No. 3 seed and the school's 37th berth in the NCAA tournament, scored 16 points and doled out six assists in Thursday's resounding victory in Buffalo.

Ennis, one of a crop of rising Canadian stars playing in March Madness, led the Orange to a 25-0 start to this season and the No. 1 ranking in the NCAA for three consecutive weeks, before the Orange lost five of seven games down the regular-season stretch.

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Watson aims to bounce back from injuries

Unfazed. Blue Bomber receiver insists he won't shy away from 'aggressive style' of play, despite past injuries

After two frustrating seasons where injuries limited his playing time, Canadian slotback Cory Watson is hoping this is the year he delivers on the promise that made him the Winnipeg Blue Bombers top draft pick in 2010.

"It is frustrating," he said Thursday at a little meet-andgreet organized by the Bombers, which also featured some of their most prominent newcomers this season.

Watson missed eight regular season games in 2012 and nine last season and says he was disappointed in himself.

Quoted

"I don't think I'm going to change the way I play...I've got to make sure I take care of my body."

Cory Watson, Winnipeg Blue Bombers receiver

"I will try to make up for those lost games," he said.

At the same time, the native of Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., who turns 30 next week, insists he won't change the way he plays to avoid injury. That aggressive style has been cited as a big contributing factor to his lack of durability.

"When you're going hard sometimes accidents happen," he said. "I don't think I'm going to change the way I play ... I've just got to make sure I take care of my body."

He was joined at a still snow-covered Investors Group Field by Drew Willy, set to be Winnipeg's starting

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quarterback in 2014, receiver Nick Moore and defensive back Korey Banks.

Willy is making his debut as a starter this season after a backup role in Regina last season, while Moore and Banks were both B.C. Lions free agents.

The Bombers' offence will definitely take on a new look this season.

Besides Willy behind centre, veteran receiver Terrence Edwards is hanging up his cleats and 2012 rookie-of-the-year Chris Matthews landed a job in the NFL. Not that Matthews was much of a factor last season, as injuries limited him to 14 catches, 138 yards and one touchdown.

Willy is being reunited with old friend Moore, the third leading receiver in the CFL last season and the Lions' top pass catcher. Their relationship goes back to their college days, although they played for different schools in the same MAC conference — Moore at Toledo and Willy at Buffalo.

Job one right now for the Bombers is trying to lure back grumpy season ticket holders, after a frustrating 2013 campaign for fans asked to pay higher ticket prices to watch a team that floundered behind a series of struggling quarterbacks, won only three games and missed the playoffs.

Team president Garth Buchko, general manager Joe Mack and coach Tim Burke all paid with their jobs.

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Blue Bombers' Cory Watson, right, catches the pass in the end zone over Hamiltor Tiger-Cats' Matt Bucknor but steps out of bounds during the first half of their CFL game in Winnipeg Sept. 21, 2012. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Υ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't waste time on regrets. This is your time of year and if you are positive you will enjoy the kind of progress that makes yesterday's doubts and failures irrelevant.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may have to remind someone that you do not exist merely to be there when they call. Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your opposite sign will help you express negative feelings in a positive way.

II Gemini

May 22 - June 21 Try not to let your annoyance

show if a friend gets something wrong. Resist the urge to criticize and instead offer words of advice in a supportive way. Chances are they'll get it right next time.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The most important thing today is that you make sure the facts support your point of view. If you make claims that others find easy to show are false, it won't do your reputation a lot of good.

Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Anything you do in haste over the next 24 hours will be repented for days if not weeks to come. Slow down, take your time and make sure you have made the correct decisions before you take any action.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's easy to find fault with others, but is your own life blameless? If you get critical today you may find someone turns the tables by highlighting your own failures.

△ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The planets warn if you shoot your mouth off today you may provoke someone who knows how to hit back. And they will hit you where it hurts most -

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

in your wallet.

Today's lunar eclipse of Saturn in your sign suggests you are bursting to say things you know you shouldn't. However, the longer you keep your thoughts bottled up, the bigger the explosion will be.

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Refuse to do anything you consider underhand or unfair. Others may enjoy cutting corners but you know that in the long-term, negative behaviour has a way of coming back at you.

V Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Say what you believe to be true and don't worry too much about the effect it may have on others. Facts are facts and must not be denied, not even to spare the feelings of those who are not as smart as you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You want to make a difference in a good way, but how do you actually do that? What happens over the next 24 hours will point you in the right direction. Start marching!

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

A question that's been nagging at your brain for a long time will finally be answered today. It may surprise you how simple the solution is but isn't that often the way? Next time, try not to make such a big deal of it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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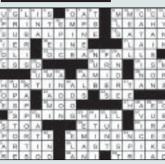
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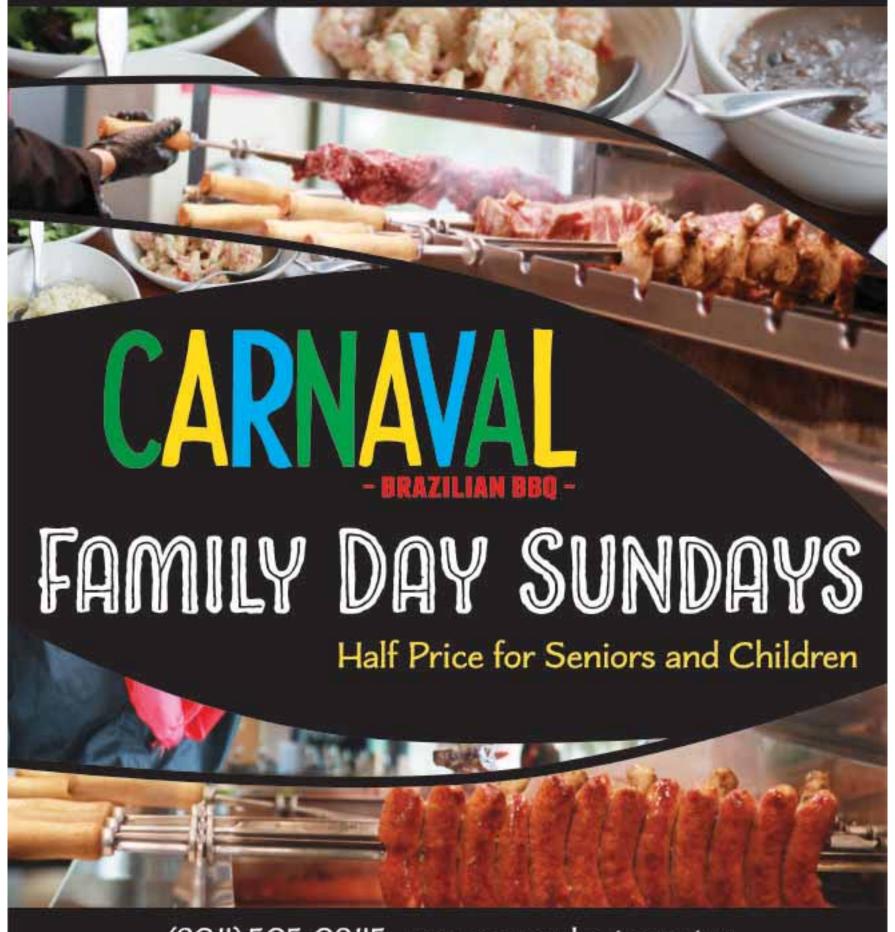
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